## Bataan gives FPJ-like welcome to Bishop Soc

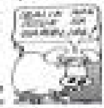
By Blanche S. Rivera


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## Scorned, they don't care if bishop goes to jail

By Armand N. Nocum



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# JDV: Gloria can be both PM, President

*Dual posts possible in parliament starting 2007*

By Carlito Pablo and Juliet Labog-Javellana



## GMA in conciliatory talks with Imelda

## New bloc may push for House speakership

By TJ Burgonio

## De Venecia to use movie connections to woo FPJ

By Carlito Pablo

## Who will say goodbye? Guessing game is on

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

## GMA, Noli tackle first major disaster; visit typhoon sites

By PDI Northern Luzon Bureau



**WEATHER FORECAST**

Second FRONTPAGE

# DOTC head office moved to Clark

## Gov't urged: Austerity first before new taxes

## Gov't to file charges vs Saudi employer

FOUR DIGIT

SUERTRES

# METRO

MEGALOTTO 6/45
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## Castro case ready for resolution

By Tess V. Quismundo

## Captain's body found under pier



ONE MORE TIME

## Robbers crawled down through the ceiling

By Luige del Puerto

## Cabbies now want P30 flag down

## Prayer for unrepentant prelate

ON TARGET



# Namfrel puts Barbers ahead of Biazon in its terminal report



BIAZON



BARBERS



IGME'S AFTERMATH

# Police downgrades security alert in Metro

By TJ Burgonio

# US anti-terror trainers going to Sulu, Tawi-Tawi

# High court asked to stop Meralco rate hike petition

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE DAILY GOSPEL

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# Monumento reopening gets mixed traffic reviews

# GMA, Noli tackle first major disaster



### Town that suffered most

### Noli in Ilocos Norte

### Other typhoon-hit areas

### Central Mindanao

# Who will say goodbye? Guessing game is on

### Close focus

### Too early

### 'I'm not leaving'

### Noli, too

# De Venecia to use …

### Peace broker

### Time to heal wounds

### Healthy process

### Challenge

# Green activists hold requiem Mass for dead tree

By Volt Contreras

BEFORE going to court, they held a Mass for "the dead," a tree.

Environmental advocates led by Fr. Robert Reyes yesterday held a "funeral" service for the mango tree which priests at the Mount Carmel parish in Quezon City ordered cut down two weeks ago to make way for a new seminary.

Reyes, aka The Running Priest, presided over a requiem Mass attended by some 30 members and supporters of Mother Earth Philippines who openly resent the way the Carmelites ignored appeals to spare the tree.

The green activists, led by MEP convenor Ciferio Alcantara, said they would file charges against the Mount Carmel administrators along with officials of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for disregarding laws against "needless cutting of trees."

Workers began chopping down the tree, believed to be 50 years old, at the parish's New Manila compound on June 19, three days after Alcantara held a press conference asking the Carmelite fathers to redesign the seminary to save the tree.

At the 10 a.m. Mass held at the Quezon Memorial Circle, Reyes said he came "to ask for forgiveness on behalf of the Church" for all trees that have gone down to build chapels and basilicas around the country "since 1521"—when Spanish friars first introduced Filipinos to Christianity.

In his homily, Reyes had this message to those who are wondering why the fuss over a single tree: "They say we're making such a big deal of just one tree. But if you lose one child out of six or 10, do you really say that you lost only one child?"

"What if people who have only one tree in their compound follow the (argument) that it's just okay to cut the tree down since it's on their private property?" he said.



SOUVENIR of the First Couple's state visit to the United States is presented by the Press Photographers of the Philippines during their courtesy call at the Palace on Friday. Mr. Mike Arroyo shows the pictures to his granddaughter Mikki.

# JDV: Gloria can be both PM, President in 2007

### Head of state, government

### Crucial change

### Meeting before July 26

### Free Mindanao

## *Drilon not sold on Cha-cha*

By Christine O. Avendaño

# Scorned, they don't care if . . .

### Boomerang

### GRO expert

### Call for sobriety

### 'Whatsoever'

# New power bloc may push for House speakership



WHAT is this neophyte congressman up to? Newly elected Rep. Ronaldo Puno (center, in white shirt) announces at a press conference on Friday the revival of GMA's own party, the Kabalikat ng Malayang Pilipino (Kampi).

### Administration-dominated

### His own man

### Areas of competence

# The WORLD

## Rockets hit Baghdad hotels after Saddam drama

## Cassini sends first images, sounds of Saturn

## WorldBriefs

### Darfur crisis

### Gaza clashes

### Frenchman murderer

# SPORTS

Editor: Teddyvic S. Melendres



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# Barakos knot series with strong windup

By Jose Navarro

RED Bull turned to Victor Thomas down the stretch and the Barakos outlasted the Barangay Ginebra Kings, 107-103, last night to even up matters in the Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference Finals at the Araneta Coliseum.

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# Cardinals shuffle Knights; Altas score

By Jasmine W. Payo

LOOKS like it's going to be an interesting 80th NCAA season.

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# Pagunsan inches ahead of Miñozas

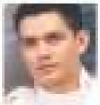
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# Barakos knot series with strong windup

# Barretto, team ready for Le Mans defense



BARRETTO: A bite for of Asia in France

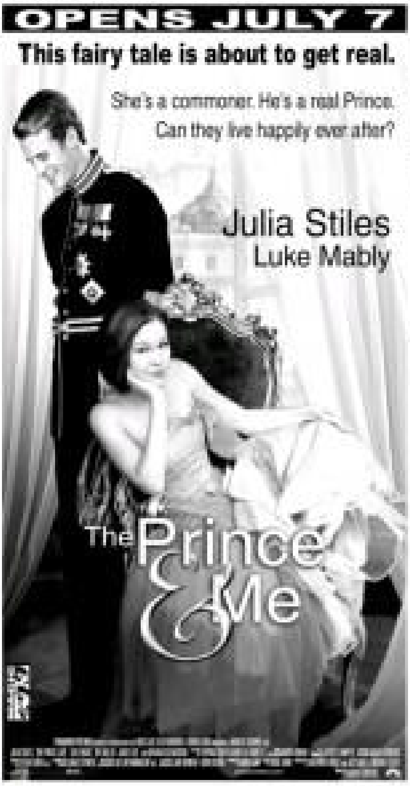
# GenSan Milo race up tomorrow

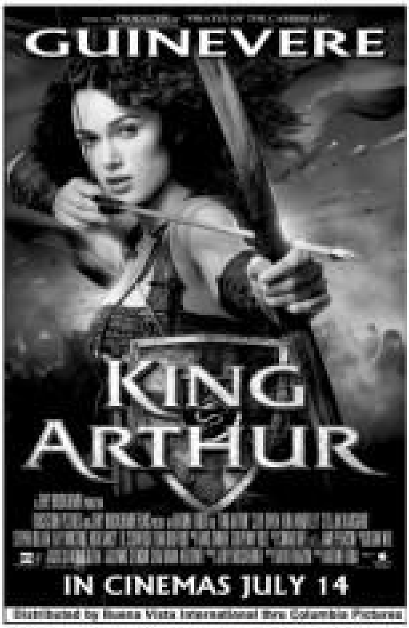
# Flores seeks WBO crown



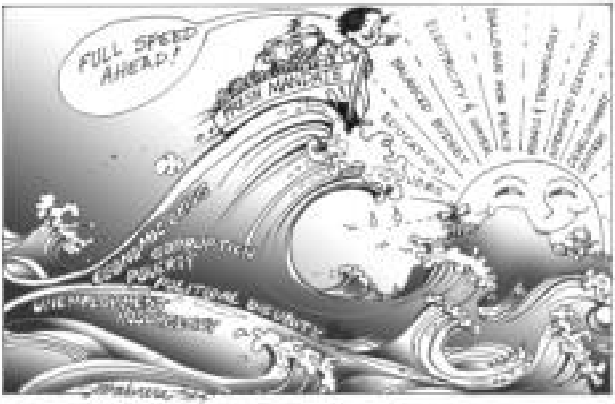
# Pagunsan inches ahead of Miñozas



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# OPINION




# Willing what?

THE AMERICAN return of Iraqi sovereignty has been seen as a cynical ploy of the Bush administration to take the heat off itself as the US presidential campaign begins. The reelection of George W. Bush is no longer the sure thing that it seemed to be a year ago, following the conquest of Iraq and the ouster of Saddam Hussein.

EDITORIAL

It should be pointed out, however, that the international community, notably the United Nations, had asked for the restoration in order to signal the gradual withdrawal of the American presence from the Gulf country. Even Pope John Paul II himself had asked for the "speedy return of Iraq's sovereignty" when Bush called on him at the Vatican last month.

# A savage sentence

SEPARATE OPINION

*Isagani A. Cruz*

# Recipe for failure

GET REAL

*Solita Collas-Monsod*

# Fishing?

POLITICAL TIDBITS

*Belinda Olivarez-Cunanan*



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# Split-level worlds

AT LARGE

*Rina Jimenez-David*



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# Celebrating Ilocos Norte

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

*Juaniyo L. Harper*



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# Service

YOUNG BLOOD

*Madeline Rae Ong*

[illegible]

# Pine cone bud

*Karen P. Barcenilla*

[illegible]

# Party-list 'trapos'

LETTERS

## Plate-less cars

## Donation was not bribe

## Meralco's reply to Neda chief's concerns

## Manifestation of acute lobotomy

# Jenny 2 under with 3 to go

## Saan Maabak

SPECTATOR



Al S. Mendoza



## Roberts up; Tiger listless

# Across the NATION

# Gold tunnels on Mt. De Oro cave in




## Vidal says it's time to move on

## 'Spike man' Pamatong faces more raps for gun ban violation



SWAMP

## GMA makes good vow to visit S. Leyte

## Comelec division reverses rule on Laguna bets' victory

## Cebu traders warn of layoffs, closure to fight wage hike

INQUIRER Visayas

# Why GMA chose Cebu



By Ivan P. Saavedra
Cebu City

THE MESSAGE on Cebu City Mayor Tomas Osmeña's shirt said it all: "GMA loves Cebu."

## Bright prospects

## Deeper meaning

## Why she won

## Party

# Leyte-Samar in 1770

VINTAGE VIEW



Rolando O. Borrinaga

# Bataan gives FPJ-like …

### 3 cardinals

### 3 questions

### Holy ground

# Baguio mall pays price for unique design

### First stores

### Caught off-guard

### Sandbags

# GMA in conciliatory …

# BUSINESS

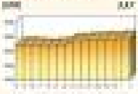
# Customs exceeds June collection target

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET

Stocks end down on profit-taking



## IMF help seen on tax plan

PILTEL BUYOUT

## Smart, PLDT sign deal

# Contract sport

**BREAKTIME**

*Conrado R. Banal III*

OBVIOUSLY, as our very own SEC just cannot believe it. The SEC is surprised to find out that we are actually lagging behind in the Asean region. Come down to earth already, boss!

It seems that the US publication called Forbes recently came out with a ranking of the world's top 2,000 corporations.

The ranking showed that only a few Philippine companies showed up among the top corporations in the Asean region. Again, that's "regional." If you count "global"...

To top it all, those local companies which made it to the regional list in the Asean, were seen somewhere in the vicinity of the bottom rungs.

That, according to reliable news reports, shocked SEC Chair Lilia R. Bautista. And so she called the Forbes report "surprising." Should we refer back to the SEC, boss?

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ANYWAY, in the Forbes ranking, at least in terms of market capitalization and despite a dying local stock market, one of ours made it to No. 20 in Asean.

The company was none other than PLDT. Thus, among the locals, PLDT's $5.1 billion market cap was tops, followed by Globe Telecom's $2 billion.

I don't know if it makes PLDT chair Manny Pangilinan cheek for joy but it surely justifies his fight to keep PLDT at the main investment of the Hong Kong group.

To think that only several months ago, everybody was into that new contact sport called Manny-PLDT bashing.

And so in the market, they were into dump PLDT shares, including Manny's principal partner from Indonesia. In cahoots, of course, with a local tsipan.

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BUT the point is, PLDT made it to the $5-billion market, even if the domestic economy, we do not exactly have a worthy to die for stock market.

Both volume and value of trading are so thin, they can hide behind a dispatch.

And the SEC is even ... well, "surprised." Wow!

Really, we have to do something about it, the Big Bang which roused the economy, to awaken the stock market.

Already, under this newly revived administration of Gloria, you can hear a lot of excitement in business about forthcoming IPOs.

Whether or not the IPOs, if they come, will also excite the SEC, it is hard to say. It is safe to assume that the SEC is doing its best to ready the stock market for them.

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AMONG market players and stockbrokers, they are saying that the long overdue IPO is that of GMA Channel 7.

Word goes around that the network may finally do it soon.

But only a few are actually excited over the listing of another communication play.

The market has ABS-CBN, and all those television stocks, and yet there is little activity.

Like it or not, this market needs some sex appeal—something fun and exciting.

High up on the wish list of the stock market guys is the listing of [illegible].

The company never loses money. In fact, it keeps on breaking its profit record.

Unfortunately, a [illegible] listing is a no-go. By force, all its income goes to the government.

To list the firm, you have to change a lot of laws. That's a tough one.

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ANYWAY, another gaming business is said to be preparing for a big IPO, and that is the Manila Jockey Club Inc.

Why not? MJCI is operating a new racetrack in Carmona, Cavite. MJCI president Alfonso Reyno, who is known as "Boy," calls it a "world class" development.

It is the country's first modern racetrack, [illegible] "hi-tech," with a computerized betting system, reaching as far as [illegible] of [illegible] Cebu. Cool!

It is said that the first computerized racetrack to open here, will dominate the horse racing and betting, multibillion-peso business.

MJCI should be on its way. Surely the stock market will see that. It's just that, in the business community, word also goes around about MJCI's cash flow problem. Ahay!

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FOR instance, everybody in the large but depressed construction industry knows that MJCI has yet to fully pay its contractor in the Carmona project.

Last I heard, the contractor was threatening to go to court, through the Construction and Arbitration Commission.

That's under the Department of Trade and Industry, and it serves as the court for disputes in the construction business.

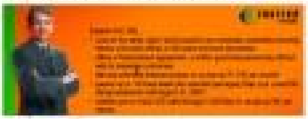
The cases are usually so technical, you cannot even trust the all-knowing, [illegible] Supreme Court to those with these cases, hopefully.

Anyway, the new racetrack's contractor was a small unknown company called [illegible]. By the law firm is not a pansy bottom.



# Profit-earning PPA to privatize 3 ports this year

*Port operation income up 11%; agency seen to post 63% net growth to P1.38 B in '04*






## Food fairs earn $28.5M in receipts

## Gov't hopes to sell Napocor assets ahead of time

# BUSINESS

## IMF urges RP to improve fiscal discipline

## Philippine Stock Exchange

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# Cable firms sign debt deal with creditors

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

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## Disclosures

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## Currencies

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# IMF help . . .

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# Breaktime

From page B1

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We are killing them for sport!

# SCIENCE/HEALTH

# Food handlers could endanger your health

By Tessa R. Salazar

BE WARY when you eat out. Your food handler might be unwittingly transmitting parasites through the food he or she serves you.



### Unlicensed stalls

### Call for improvement

# Outstanding Young Scientists

EUREKA!



*Queena N. Lee-Chua*

### Diverse interests

### Mice panic like humans do

# The human network

DISCOVER

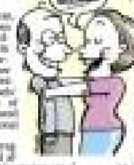


### Personal area network

### More hardware

### Smallest battery

# *World first: Woman pregnant after frozen ovary transplant*



### Restoring fertility

### Functional again

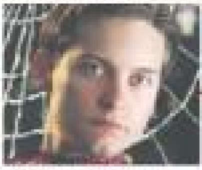
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# Multivitamins slows down AIDS virus in African women



### Exciting news

New York Times



MAGUIRE: Powerful performance.

# SATURDAY *Special*

Editor: Nestor U. Torre
Assistant Editor: Rica P. Asilo

NOW SHOWING

# Spidey sequel soars and scores

By Rica P. Asilo

"Spider-Man 2"

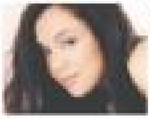
Exclusive

Sympathetic

Human nature

# Songfest winner cuts debut album

By Andy Bais



OLIVIA: Good breaks keep coming her way.

Award

Qualities

Thankful

# Instructive and entertaining reading fare

By Nestor U. Torre

(Conclusion)




ERNIE Zarate's book is the product of good scholarship.

Breezy

Derivation



# New company mounts first play



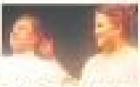
# FAP Awards rites unreel tonight at CCP

MONTAGE

'Floriada 2'

Movies on TV

# *Providence and empowerment in theater*



Heritage

Limitations

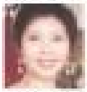
# Size matters

STREET SMART

*Mandy Navasero*



Paintings



Needs

# Authentic Japanese cuisine

WORD OF MOUTH

*Sandy Daza*



Ambiance

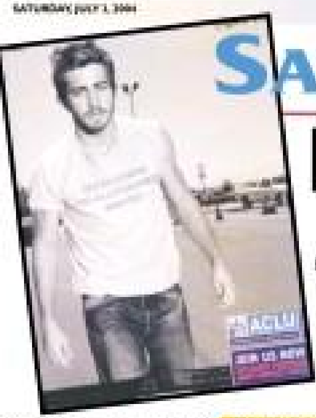
# Secret of happiness

LOTUS POND

*R. Valencia and S. Biswas*



Spiritual world




# Be a hero, really

Volunteerism as nation-building for our boundary-blending generation. Let's do it.



*Age against the machine*

Gino de la Paz

**Activism is so retro**

**New culture**





WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: The Swatch Olympic Collection 2004 as worn by Borgy Manotoc (below). Available at all [illegible] and Swatch stores.

# Let the games begin!





If you can fill the
unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds'
worth of distance
run—
Yours is the
Earth and
everything
that's in it,
And—which is
more—you'll be
a Man my son!

–Rudyard Kipling, If

Tim Yap

THE BIDDING games, I mean. While photographer Steve Tirona adjusts his Olympic stand set up, Swatch boy Borgy Manotoc and I flip through the "Sports Time at Ayala Center" catalogue, ooh-ing and aah-ing over limited edition timepieces that commemorate the biggest sporting event of the world.

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